

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Meier, et al..
Serial Number : To be Assigned
Filing Date : Concurrently Herewith
For : SINTERED SILICON CARBIDE BODIES WITH OPTIMISED
TRIBOLOGICAL PROPERTIES FOR THE SLIDE AND
SEALING SURFACES THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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February 18, 2005

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination please amend the application as follows: